

# **EXHIBIT A**

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December 16, 2003

**VIA FACSIMILE - (267) 299-7458**

Rosalin D. Burton-Hoop Deputy Clerk  
to Honorable John P. Illiam  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
601 Market Street, Room 15614  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Vanguard Identification Systems, Inc. v. REG Oklahoma Acquisition, LLC

Dear Ms. Burton-Hoop:

Accompanying this letter are the scheduling forms that the Court asked the parties in the above action to complete.

The parties discussed the form and are in accord with respect to scheduling. They have completed the forms identically, and I am forwarding both of them to you by fax, as the Court requested.

Respectfully,

BOCHETTO & LENTZ, P.C.

By:

David J. Perlman

DJP:db

Enclosure

cc: John G. Stretton, Esquire (via facsimile)  
A. Richard Feldman, Esquire (via facsimile)

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Jury Trial X  
Non-Jury Trial \_\_\_\_\_

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Civil Action No. 02-2943Caption of Case Vanguard Identification Systems, Inc. v.Don E. Coade, Sr., et al.Name of Trial Counsel George Bochetto, Esquire or David J. Perlman, EsquireLaw Firm Bochetto & Lentz, P.C.Address 1524 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102Telephone No. 215-735-3900 Fax No. 215-735-2455Representing Plaintiff, Vanguard Identification Systems, Inc.

1. By what date can discovery be completed?  
June 30, 2004
2. The case will be ready for trial on or about  
September 20, 2004, considering briefing and ruling on dispositive motions.  
(The Court will use this date as the approximate listing date for trial.)
3. Will an early settlement conference (prior to completion of discovery) be helpful in effecting a settlement of this case?  
Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
If your answer is "Yes", state the appropriate time for such a conference  
February 2004  
The Court will not list this case for a pretrial conference unless all parties request it. Parties should make the request in writing (by letter), stating the topic to be discussed.
4. Trial time:  
(a) Estimate of total time to present your case 3-6 days  
(b) Estimate of total time for the entire trial 7-10 days
5. In addition to the above, do you have any special comments to make? (If necessary, use reverse side.)  
See attached sheet.

Name of counsel preparing form David J. Perlman, EsquireDate 12/15/03

The parties need additional time for discovery for a number of reasons. Witnesses are in various parts of the country, including Oklahoma City and Chicago, as well as Philadelphia. Defense counsel is located in Stamford, Connecticut. This is a complex case, involving a number of theories and tens of thousands of documents, which must be analyzed. Also, there will be experts who must analyze materials produced in discovery, produce reports, and be deposed.

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Ron E. Goade, Sr., et al.

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Date 12-10-03